

Minutes
Town of Webster Council Meeting
Town Hall – 1411 Webster Road, Webster, NC
December 1, 2011 – 6:00 pm

Members Present:

Mayor Larry Phillips, Commissioners Jean Davenport, Billie Bryson, Allan Grant and Town Clerk Gwen Nicholson

Absent:

Commissioners Rick Fulton and Tracy Rodes

Others Present:

Nick Breedlove with The Sylva Herald, and Louise Stevens, a citizen of the Town, and Attorney Kim Lay.

Call to Order

Mayor Phillips called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with a request for additional agenda items. The additional agenda item was as follows:

- *The Town has received a form from Duke Energy for reporting street light outages.*

Agenda Approval

Mayor Phillips called for a review and approval of the agenda. Commissioner Grant made a motion to approve the agenda and Commissioner Davenport seconded the motion. All members approved.

Minutes Approval

Mayor Phillips called for a review and approval of the November 3, 2011 minutes. There were no additions or corrections to the minutes. Commissioner Davenport made a motion to approve the November minutes, as presented. Commissioner Grant seconded the motion. All members approved.

Financial Report Approval

Town Clerk Nicholson reported that the Town received \$3,698.in income for the month of November, and expenses were \$2,184.05. The remaining Powell Bill funds are \$57553.48. The CD balances were as follows:

- a. *\$25,489.21*
- b. *\$36,642.77*

Mayor Phillips called for an approval of the financial report, as presented. Commissioner Grant made a motion to approve the financial report and Commissioner Davenport seconded the motion. All members approved.

Old Business

- **Sidewalks**

The Commissioners unanimously passed a resolution authorizing \$65,000.00 to be used for sidewalk repairs. Officials plan to use the remaining \$57,557.41 in Powell Bill Funds which includes interest and \$7,442.59 which will come out of the town's general fund.

- **Town of Webster Welcome Sign**

Commissioner Davenport reported that the "welcome sign" is ready and will be installed soon near the Jackson County Senior Center for Aging. The final payment for installation will be paid in December.

Committee Reports

- **Greenway Committee** – *Judaculla Rock grand opening will be early spring. Pathways are in progress at this time and will be in place early spring. The N, C. Division of State Parks is planning for mountain and sea trails which will include 80 miles of trails. This will run along the county's north edge and parallels the Blue Ridge Parkway to reach Great Smoky Mountains National Park.*

Commissioner Grant stated the county Greenways Commission has been focusing on the planned Tuckaseegee River Greenway and that county officials have approved funds for its construction and engineering.

Ms. Dixon of the Friends of the Mountains to the Sea Trail proposed a different route that would have the MTS Trail leave the Parkway route and go through Swain County which is Bryson City and follow the Tuckaseegee River to Whittier, then go through Thomas Valley Road and then follow the river to Dillsboro and Sylva, to follow the county's planned Tuckaseegee Greenway to Cullowhee, then proceed from Cullowhee to Caney Fork then follow Moses Creek Road to the Parkway. Jackson County has adopted the resolution to support that route in October.

Commissioner Grant stated that Swain County recently passed a resolution in support of a proposed alternate route for a portion of the Mountains-to-Sea trail that includes sections of Jackson County's Greenway. Commissioner Grant stated that the proposed route would open up more funding opportunities for the county.

- **Planning Board**

Mayor Phillips stated that the Planning Board is on hold at this time

- **Traffic & Safety Committee**

Mayor Phillips gave an overview of the patrol report for the month of November 2011. Mayor Phillips told town leaders that he appreciates the deputies who patrol the streets. In November deputies James Henry and Donnie Allen gave out 19 speeding tickets and 41 warning citations for speeding.

- **TWSA**

Commissioner Davenport, the Town's TWSA representative, recently reviewed a salary study done by the MAPS group.

- *Philosophy – pay based on performance or longevity. Most of industry moving to performance.*
- *TKO SUB SHOP -- Mr. and Mrs. Murphy want impact fees paid to TWSA (\$8,971.75) returned to them as they feel that their impact is low and the state dictated fees are too high.*
- *Reviewed bids for WWTP #1 Chlorination Building – bid greater than allocated funds (250,000.00) but they are committed to working with TWSA to find resolution. Local Contractor: Western Builders.*
- *Reviewed bids for Dillardtown Water and Sewer – Lowest bid is higher than budget so TWSA must wait for further funds from DENR which guaranteed 100% funding.*
- *TWSA is now realizing a \$1,000.00 monthly savings on credit card with new arrangements.*
- *TWSA web site is up and running and current – Scott Baker is the webmaster*
- *Continued discussion of Cashiers Sewer Authority-TTWSA adding 20,000 gallons allocation which puts it at 90% capacity. Currently planning a Transfer Policy for potential users once the 20,000 allocation has been issued.*

TWSA has changed the dates of their annual meetings. TWSA has set forth a resolution to amend the first sentence of Article III, Section 1, of the Bylaws, subject to ratification by majority vote of all appointing governing boards.

The annual meeting of the Authority shall be held on the first Tuesday of the month March of each year at the hour and place as shall be designated in the notice for the meeting. The Resolution was signed and sealed by Mayor Phillips and Town Clerk Nicholson.

New Business

- **Hazard Mitigation Plan Resolution**

Mayor Larry Phillips discussed the Hazard Mitigation Plan Resolution that the county had recently worked on and that it had already been adopted by the Sylva and Dillsboro and that it would have to do redone to include Cherokee.

- **ECU Dental Clinic**

The board members received an email from Gerald Green on November 21, 2011 that the engineer that who is preparing the plans for the ECU dental clinic that will be located on the County property in the Community Serviced Park. This property appears to be located within the Town of Webster's zoning jurisdiction and would be zoned Government (G-1) by the proposed zoning ordinance and map revisions. The G-1 standards require a minimum lot size of 2 acres. The property transferred to ECU from the dental clinic is a bit over an acre.

The property is at the end of Community Services Road and does not have 200 feet of frontage.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Commissioner Grant made a motion to adjourn, the meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Minutes prepared by:

Gwen Nicholson, Town Clerk

Minutes approved by:

Larry Phillips, Mayor